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Applicants: Darren Maya et al.
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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Please enter this response in the above-identified patent application.

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed on July 26, 2004. No fees are due with this Response. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-1818 for any insufficiency or credit for any overpayment.

In the Office Action, the Examiner issued a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121, which required applicant to elect one of the following:

Species 1: Figs. 10-15 (claims 1-13 and 26-32) drawn to determining outcome based on the designated combination and the selected puzzle pieces.


Species 2: Fig. 18 (claims 14-25 and 33-42) drawn to determining outcome based on row and column award associated with the designated combination and the selected puzzle pieces.

Applicant hereby elects Species 1: Figs. 10-15 (claims 1-13 and 26-32) without traverse, for examination on the merits.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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